

(c) when was the last repair undertaken there?

Mr. V. K. Aravindaksha Menon (Chief Engineer):

(a) and (b) The repairs to the jetty at Edacochin are being carried out.

(c) In 1110.

**PALATHODE ROAD—WIDENING OF—EXPENDITURE
REGARDING.**

347. Mr. C. R. Iyyunni (Trichur-South): Will the Government be pleased to say:—

(a) what is the amount spent for broadening the road in Ernakulam along the Palathode Canal;

(b) whether the Government has given a contribution towards the same;

(c) if so, how much?

Mr. V. K. Aravindaksha Menon (Chief Engineer): (a)

The amount spent can be ascertained only after the work is completed. The estimate amount is Rs. 65,500.

(b) and (c) The work is being carried out by the Government, the Municipality contributing Rs. 24,000.

Mr. C. R. Iyyunni (Trichur-South): May I know whether there is any tender deduction?

Mr. V. K. Aravindaksha Menon (Chief Engineer): I want notice.

**GRANT-IN-AID DISPENSARIES—PARTICULARS
REGARDING.**

348. Mr. V. N. Damodaran Nambiar (Trippunittura): Will the Government be pleased to state:—

(a) the number of grant-in-aid rural dispensaries in the State;

(b) the number of villages and population served by them;

(c) the value of medicine supplied to each of them every year;

(d) the value of medical instruments, if any, supplied to each dispensary;

(e) the number of Government dispensaries in the State;

(f) the number of towns and villages and population served by them;

(g) whether there is any provision in any of the grant-in-aid dispensaries in the State for treating emergency cases as in-patients?

Dr. D. Raghavendra Rao (*Chief Medical Officer*): (a) 18.

(b) All the surrounding villages.

(c) Medicines worth Rs. 360 to all except Elanad, which is supplied with medicines worth Rs. 400.

(d) According to the terms of appointment of medical practitioners in grant-in-aid dispensaries, they are to be given medicines worth Rs. 360 a year. Government are not bound to supply them with any instruments. But if any practitioner makes requisition for instruments, the same will, if available, be supplied to him, the cost of such instruments being recovered from the allotment for medicines due to him.

(e) 18.

(f) Government consider that the time and labour involved in the preparation of the statistics called for are not commensurate with the public purpose served thereby.

(g) No.

Mr. C. V. Iyyu (*Kunnamkulam*): May I know whether instruments supplied by the Government could be considered to be instruments of the Officer himself?

Dr. D. Raghavendra Rao (*Chief Medical Officer*): They are all Government property.

Mr. T. A. Ramachandra Ayyar (*Nellayi*): Has the Government any authority over these Doctors who are in charge of these dispensaries?

Dr. D. Raghavendra Rao (*Chief Medical Officer*): They are private practitioners who have settled down in these places. The only hold the Government have over them is to see that certain registers are maintained properly and that the poor are treated in these dispensaries free.

Mr. A. Eachara Menon (*Chittur—Rural*): Why is it that all are not supplied with the instruments?

Dr. D. Raghavendra Rao (*Chief Medical Officer*): It is not possible to supply all the instruments to all the dispensaries.

Mr. A. Eachara Menon (*Chittur—Rural*): Whenever instruments are supplied, you take the cost from Rs. 360 meant for the medicines.

Dr. D. Raghavendra Rao (*Chief Medical Officer*): Instruments are not supplied every year. In the beginning a few instruments are necessary, for delivery and such minor cases.

Mr. A. Eachara Menon (*Chittur—Rural*): Only when requisitions are made, you supply?

Dr D. Raghavendara Rao (Chief Medical Officer): But, at the start, a few instruments are given which will be urgently needed.

മിസ്റ്റർ കെ. എസ്സ്. പണിക്കർ: എല്ലാ ഗ്രാൻറ്-ഇൻ-എയിഡ് ഡിസ്പെൻസറികൾക്കും ൩ നു ൦ ഉറപ്പികൾക്കുള്ള വിതരണ കൊടുക്കുന്നുള്ളുവോ? ഡാക്ടർ ഡി. രാഘവേന്ദ്രറാവു: അതെ.

മിസ്റ്റർ കെ. എസ്സ്. പണിക്കർ: ഒരു കൊല്ലത്തിൽ ൭.൨൦ ഉറപ്പിക യാണ് ഒരു ഗ്രാൻറ്-ഇൻ-എയിഡ് ഡിസ്പെൻസറിക്കു കൊടുത്തുവരുന്ന ത്തു്.

ഡാക്ടർ ഡി. രാഘവേന്ദ്രറാവു: അല്ല.

മിസ്റ്റർ കെ. എസ്സ്. പണിക്കർ: മിഡ്വൈഫ്മാരുടെ ശമ്പളമൊഴി കെ ബാക്കിയുള്ളതെല്ലാം എല്ലാ ഡിസ്പെൻസറികൾക്കും ഒന്നുപോലെയാണോ കൊടുത്തുവരുന്നതു്?

ഡാക്ടർ ഡി. രാഘവേന്ദ്രറാവു: എളുപ്പമുണ്ടാകട്ടെ.

X-RAY DEPARTMENT—EXPENDITURE ON.

349. Mr. M. L. Joseph (Latin Christians—Cranganur):

Will the Government be pleased to state:—

- (a) the total capital expenditure incurred up-to-date on the X-ray establishment;
- (b) the recurring annual expenditure ever since the X-ray section was opened;
- (c) the total income from that department to the Govern-ment;
- (d) the percentage allowed to the Radiologist and his assistant; out of the proceeds of the X-ray department;
- (e) the total amounts paid as percentage on collections to these persons ever since the starting of this department;
- (f) the quantity of Radium, if any, in the charge of the Radiologist;
- (g) whether the Radiologist personally attends the X-ray department daily;
- (h) whether a medical man was recently got trained at Madras to work in the X-ray department;
- (i) whether there was any necessity to send this man to Madras for training when we have a X-ray department and a specialist in X-ray attached to our General Hospital?

Dr. D. Raghavendra Rao (Chief Medical Officer):

(a) The total capital expenditure on the X-ray equip-ments excluding the cost of building, furniture, etc., comes to Rs. 14,750.